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5. Officially, fraternization is strictly forbidden. Most officers would report EM if they fraternized, but EM would not report one another. Usually fraternization was carried on secretly, because EM caught fraternizing with Germans served a 20-day sentence in the guardhouse for the first offense and stood a court-martial for a second offense. German police never interfere when they observe Soviet personnel with Germans, because they fear violence from Soviet troops. However, party and Komsomol members are supposed to report men who fraternize - some do, some do not. Kommandatura patrols will arrest any military personnel whom they catch at fraternization. MGB (the same as OKR) will also arrest all fraternizers.

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[redacted] All units higher than battery had intelligence (reconnaissance) officers. Except for the major who introduced himself as an MGB officer [redacted] no MGB personnel in the Soviet Zone of Germany. MGB officers can arrest Soviet Army personnel. They turn prisoners over to Kommandaturas or to the respective commander. [redacted] no MVD in the Soviet Zone of Germany and never heard the term "Smersh" used there.

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[redacted] no security duties other than that of interior guard duty around supply depots and headquarters. Officers need their personal identification in order to enter a compound or other military area; but no identification is needed in maneuver areas. EM are not permitted to leave compounds or other military areas without an officer escort. But in maneuver areas there are no fenced-off areas with check points.

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Until September 1951, the 2d L Arty Brig had about 20 German women employees who worked as maids, charwomen, waitresses and salesgirls in the officer's restaurant. On 1 Sep 51, most of these were discharged and replaced by Soviet women. I [redacted] only one German salesgirl and a German salesman were left; both worked in the Voyentorg. [redacted]

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the two German employees left with the unit. These German employees entered the compound for work by presenting their identity document and a pass (Propusk). Of the women who were discharged on 1 Sep 51, some were permitted to remain in the area to work until 2000 hours and others remained until 2200 hours, depending upon their duties. However, no Germans lived in the compound or maneuver areas.

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9. [redacted] all mail sent to and from the USSR is censored. [redacted]

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[redacted] All military data, T/O, T/E, OB, supply, food, training, location of units, morale, etc, is prohibited in letters. A letter containing prohibited material is returned to the offender's CO, whereupon the CO or political officer of the unit warns the transgressor. In case of a second offense, the offender is given a 10-day guardhouse sentence. Offenses are rare because most soldiers write, "Dear Folks: I am well. Best regards." The use of the German mails is prohibited. [redacted]

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10. No equipment or buildings may be photographed. Troops may own cameras, which are unregistered, but must have the films processed in the Voyentorg (PX) where the work is done by other soldiers.

11. [redacted]

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[redacted] in Neustrelitz. A major and a lieutenant of the 9th Gds Tk Div were in charge of the Kommandatura. Their duty was to preserve order and surrounding villages and to supervise patrols drawn from various units of the 9th Gds Tk Div. The patrols had the task of apprehending all drunkards, AWOLs and fraternizers (and also officers out after 2300 on week-days and 2400 hours on Saturday or Sunday). [redacted]

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only two officers were assigned to the Kommandatura permanently. [redacted]

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[redacted] One officer, one NCO, and four privates were assigned to the patrol which had the duty of arresting all suspicious persons, AWOLs, drunkards and fraternizers. [redacted] patrol arrested no Soviet personnel, but [redacted] a German, just to have some fun.

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12. All regimental and separate battalion units or higher, have a "Secret Part" (document section). The unit chief of staff has charge of the section and an NCO is the clerk-typist. This section keeps all orders, regulations, manuals, maps, and correspondence. [redacted]

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13. [redacted] no instance in which Soviet personnel wore a different uniform or civilian clothes to conceal their identity.

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